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Art Unit: 1713

For: A RUBBER COMPOSITION FOR GOLF BALL

Examiner: P. D. Mulcahy

**LETTER REQUESTING INITIALED SB08 FORM FOR EARLIER SUBMITTED  
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Sir:

This is a request that the Patent Examiner issue an appropriate initialed SB08 Form indicating that he has reviewed the following reference: JP 2001-149505 (JP '505). The JP '505 reference was submitted, along with a English abstract thereof, in an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed November 20, 2003. As evidence that the JP '505 reference was timely submitted with the IDS, it is noted that a review of the information available on PAIR at the USPTO website shows that for the "Foreign reference" received on November 20, 2003 indicated as being "10" pages in length, the first page correspondences to the reference JP 2001-149503 (JP '503); but the fifth page of this document corresponds to the JP '505 reference. That is, it appears the USPTO made an error in scanning both the JP '503 and JP '505 documents together as one document. Further, evidence that the JP '505 reference was submitted is provided in the attached copy of the date-stamped return postcard receipt showing that there were indeed "10" documents submitted, not nine (which would have been the case if the JP '505 reference had not been submitted). In view of the above, it is requested that the Examiner review the JP '505 reference and issue an appropriate initialed SB08 form.

If any questions arise in the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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